

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 20

8:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Adolfina Family
12:00 Robert Schimpf

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 Jane Sposato
12:00 Carole Hennessy, Living

The Chair of St. Peter

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 Maria Lopes Estevao
12:00 Joseph Lurgio

St. Polycarp

Thursday, February 23

8:00 Colomba Zarra
12:00 Walter John Fredericks

Friday, February 24

8:00 Marion Ketcham
12:00 Robert Greenway

Saturday, February 25

8:00 Maddalena DiMarino
12:00 James & Ruth Regninte
5:00 Joseph Bonavisa

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Catarina Popoli
11:00 Joseph Fulco
12:30 Angelina Zaino

Bread and Wine

For: Cesare & Rosina D'Annibale
By: Fabridia Serluca



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Gerardo DiLeo
By: Maria DiLeo



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Msgr. Thomas F. Scanlon
Joann Propersi



From the Pastor's Desk

The virtue of holiness is ascribed to God and used to describe men and women whose names are listed among saints and martyrs. But for ordinary believers it seems unattainable, at least in this life. Nonetheless, today's Scriptures suggest that the people of God can be and should be holy.

In the First Reading from Leviticus, God instructs Moses to tell the covenant people to be holy. Their holiness originates in the holiness of God, but it finds expression in community, in love of neighbor.

Today's psalm comes from the soul and blesses God. The act of blessing was understood to be a gesture of thanksgiving, so to bless God was to thank God—especially in this case, because God is kind and merciful. God puts aside our sins as far as “the east is from the west” and is as tender and compassionate toward us as a parent toward a child.

Paul frequently expounds on his theology of the body. We are familiar with his analogy between the body and the community, each with its various parts and gifts. Here Paul tells the Christians that they are the temple of God and that they are holy. This might have been shocking language for the early Christians, but Paul believes that they belong to Christ, the source of all holiness.

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' teaching on how to interpret the tradition concerning our relations with each other. How should we respond to injury within the community? The ancient rule of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” is no longer acceptable. Although intended to limit retribution, Jesus has a higher (and seemingly perplexing) standard: “Offer no resistance.” And when one is asked to offer assistance to someone, give more than is expected, not less. The goal of the disciple is to be “perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

**Kindly remember in your prayers
the sick of the Parish**

Dennis Catozella, Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGiovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Joan Lynch, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Carol Jean Murphy, Susan Pavilevic, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 2/12/17 - \$6,818.00
 Adults: 413 Children: 73
 Offering 2/5/17 - \$8,698.00
 Adults: 606 Children: 87

Sign up for ParishPay and have your donations to Sts. Peter & Paul automatically deducted monthly from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit card. It's easy and convenient and helps our parish. Enroll at www.parishpay.com or call (866) 727-4741. We thank you for your support and are grateful to all those who use ParishPay or the envelopes.

**Save the Date
 Dinner Dance
 Leewood Golf Club
 April 22nd
 \$90 per person**

Don't Give up Chocolate for Lent

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. Simply sign up at BestLentEver.com.

Small Group Opportunities

In conjunction with our parish wide "Don't Give up Chocolate for Lent" online initiative, we will also offer a number of weekly small group opportunities for your family and friends; or you can host your own gathering in your home. If you would like to learn how to facilitate/host a group or have your own idea for a small group topic please come to the Cafeteria on Sunday, February 26th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass or contact Tony MacDonnell in the Office of Religious Education: Text or call 914-471-2084.

Parish Journal

This year we will honor Ann D'Agostino and Vicki Cavaluzzi who will also be our Honorees at our Dinner Dance on Saturday April 22nd at the Leewood Golf Club. Please support our Journal by taking out an ad. Contracts are available in the vestibule.

Open Gym Night

The Men's Club is once again sponsoring Open Gym Night for parishioners and their families. The Gym will be open every Thursday night from 6 to 7:30 pm for children age 13 and younger and from 7:30 – 9:00 pm for parishioners 14 and older. This activity will continue until April 27th. Children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own ball and water.

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

In the Bible, Jesus teaches us to act with mercy, compassion and love. Your help plays a vital role that ensures the *Cardinal's Appeal* continues to serve so many throughout our communities. To date 39 families have made their commitment to the *Appeal* effort in our parish. Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of \$59,500. So far we have pledged \$11,970.00 Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.

Remember Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula

In your estate planning, please remember Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Parish in your Last Will & Testament. Such a gift of any amount will create a legacy in your name which will assist our Parish in continuing the work of God in Mount Vernon and the surrounding community for generations to come.

Stations & Soup

Celebrate the First Friday in Lent, March 3rd, as the Men's Club invites you to Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m. followed by a delicious soup (no meat) dinner served in the Gym. Please let us know if you are coming by signing the sign-up sheet located in the vestibule of the Church.

Parish Registration/Update

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

____ **New Registration** ____ **Change of Address**

____ **Moving out of Parish**

Please return to the Rectory.



The Altar Rosary Society Is Once Again Hosting

ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER

Saturday, March 11, 2017

After the 5pm Mass

Adults - \$20

Children age 10 and under - \$8

**Dinner will include:
Corned Beef Cabbage
Potatoes Carrots
Irish Soda Bread
Dessert**

**Please join us for a night of good food, fun and company
Bring your own bottle of cheer**

**** Due to limited seating, admission is not guaranteed on the day of the event ****

Name _____

Adults (\$20 each) _____

Children (\$8) _____

Total Paid: \$ _____

Return this form with payment to the rectory or place in the collection basket before March 7th
Please make checks payable to: Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Altar Rosary Society